

Coffee County United Way Campaign highest ever

The Coffee County annual United Way campaign has reached and exceeded its goal of \$175,000. As of December 18, the totals pledged to date are \$175,682 or 100.4% of the goal set by the campaign committee. This is the largest amount ever raised in Coffee County.

The Coffee County unit of the Wiregrass United Way conducts its own campaign and allocates the funds raised to agencies serving citizens of the county. Local agencies include the Coffee/Geneva Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Christian Mission Center, the Enterprise YMCA, the Salvation Army, the South Central Alabama Mental Health and

sixteen others. Employee groups making significant contributions to the 1996 Coffee County campaign include Pridemore, DynCorp, Dorsey Trailers, UPS Enterprise, and Alabama Power Company. Accounts with significant increases include Citizens Bank of Enterprise, Colonial Bank of Enterprise, SouthTrust Bank of Elba, Regions Bank Enterprise, Community Bank and Trust, Goolsby Plumbing, Lowes, and Mitchell Mazda/Nissan.

The Coffee County and Dale County campaigns have now both reached goals with Houston County close behind at 97%. Geneva County has reached 84% and Henry County 90%. The total raised by the Wire-

grass United Way 1996 Campaign to-date is \$1,706,970, which exceeds the 1995 campaign, but is \$40,000 short of goal.

"Our success confirms it can be done," stated Bill Cole, Colonial Bank in Enterprise, and chairman of the Coffee County Campaign. "I fully believe the combined totals for all five counties will exceed the goal by December 31. It's been great to be a part of this success."

Donations to the 1996 Campaign can be directed to the Wiregrass United Way, P.O. Box 405, Dothan, AL 36302. More information about the Wiregrass United Way and participating agencies can be obtained by calling 792-9661 or 1-800-670-9845, or in Enterprise, 393-1072.



Tamburitzaans

Coffee County Arts Alliance to present The Tamburitzaans January 18th

The internationally famous Tamburitzaans of Duquesne University will be appearing at Enterprise High School Auditorium on Saturday, Jan-

uary 18, at 7:30 p.m. Their performance is being brought to the Wiregrass by the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

Principles of Investing Course being taught at ESJC

Learn all about the investments available today in Enterprise State Junior College's special interest course Principles of Investing. Novice and seasoned investors will learn more about the advantages and disadvantages of the various investment vehicles and which ones meet personal financial needs and goals. Topics covered include the eight rules for successful investing, the difference between bond and equity investments, the relationship between risk and reward, and the structure of a suitable portfolio given risk and reward parameters. The course will be taught Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., February 4 through March 18. There is a January 28 registration deadline and a \$25.00 fee for the course. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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American Sign Language classes being offered

American Sign Language (ASL I and ASL II) classes are being offered by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind at the Dothan Regional Center.

Classes are scheduled as follows: ASL I - Tuesdays beginning January 7, 1997 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturdays beginning January 11, 1997 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; ASL II will be taught Saturdays beginning January 11, 1997 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The instructor will be Deb Walker, AIDB Staff Interpreter and the cost will be \$40.00. Each class meets once a week for 8 weeks at the AIDB Regional Center located at 105 Executive Park Drive, Dogwood Court, Dothan, AL.

To register, call Kathy Lord at (334)677-6270.

Free Literacy Training Workshop offered at ESJC

Learn how to teach others to read! A FREE Literacy Volunteer Training Workshop held at Enterprise State Junior College teaches volunteers how to tutor adult non-readers and low-level learners. Participants examine the psychology of the adult learner, study the use of Laubach reading materials, and consider other methods for teaching adults. The workshop is scheduled for 7:00-9:30 p.m., February 3, 10, 15, and 24. There is no charge for this workshop, and the registration deadline is January 31. Class is limited to the first twenty people to register. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 266, and to register call ext. 234.

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NATIVE SON COMES HOME FOR VISIT Bob Inman returned to his roots during the Christmas holidays for a short visit in Elba with childhood friends and family members. He was honored by the hometown folks at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast with a reception on Sunday afternoon, December 29th. Inman is the author of several books, including *Home Fires Burning* in 1987, and *Old Dogs and Children* in 1991. His first novel was named one of the best books of 1987 by *The Philadelphia Enquirer*. He has also written six screen plays, two of which were "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentations. Inman has another novel, *Dairy Queen Days*, scheduled for publication in March of this year. The author plans an autograph session in Elba following the publication of this latest writing. Inman is presently writing a Sunday column for the newspaper in Charlotte, NC, *The Charlotte Observer*.

Pictured above with the author at the reception are: seated, daughter Lee; Standing from left front are wife Paulette; uncle, Ed Cooper and Barbara Hudson; "Aunt B"; Back row are cousin, Cheryl Cooper; aunt, Nona Cooper and Inman. Also on hand to assist with welcoming Mr. Inman and his family were local beauty queens, Miss Elba Destiny Brown, Junior Miss Elba Misty Kelley and Little Miss Elba Haley Stinson.

S.E. Regional Planning & Development Committee receives \$99,500 grant

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission has been approved for a \$99,500 Rural Business Enterprise Grant from USDA Rural Development. The commission will establish Micro revolving loan funds to provide small businesses and industries in Southeast Alabama with pay financing loans that leverage private investment and create and retain permanent jobs in the commission's service area.

The SEARPD Rural Business Enterprise Grant/Microloan Revolving Loan Fund Program is a locally controlled source of capital used to finance startup and expanding businesses or entrepreneurial projects in rural areas of Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston Counties. Microenterprise (Micro) and Microcapital (MicroC) RLF funds are available depending on project needs. Projects must meet program guidelines and be creditworthy.

The businesses targeted for Microloan financing are: small manufacturing companies and service related companies, new and emerging industries and new technologies that have a uniqueness that will add value to the regional rural economy, and other businesses that may help a rural community improve its development potential and where such assistance is requested by the community's governing body. Loan decisions are made locally by the SEARPD RLF Board, which is representative of the regional community. Local emphasis means faster response to loan requests and a minimum of "red tape". However, USDA/Rural Development loan applications and review and environmental regulations apply. For more information concerning the Microloan Program, contact Thomas B. Solomon or Emily Ausley at (334)794-4095.



ELBA SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS DECORATE RECREATION DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS TREE....Students from the special education classes of Mrs. Katrina Palmer and Mrs. Janice Clark, of the Elba Elementary School, paid a special visit to the Elba Recreation Center prior to the holidays to decorate the department's Christmas tree. The students, along with students from the second grade class of Mrs. Ella Kate Ham, made decorations to go on the tree. Elba Mayor James Grimes was on hand to help the students decorate the tree and help the students celebrate with a party.

Client Assistant Program representative to be at the Department of Rehabilitation Services January 13th

A Client Assistance Program representative will be at the Department of Rehabilitation Services located at 518 E. Parklane Shopping Center in Troy on January 13, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. to answer questions and help you understand the rehabilitation program. If you are a person with a disability who needs information about, or help with your Department of Rehabilitation Services program, please contact the Client Assistance Program at 1-800-228-3231 to arrange an appointment. Our office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; TDD and Alabama Message 2276 or 1-800-228-3231 and speak Relay calls are also accepted. Even with an SACAP representative about if you do not wish to meet with our any problems you may be experienced representative in person, you may ing, or for answers to questions you still contact our office at (334) 281- might have.

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Elba City Council's meeting smooth

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council got an update on police department activities, was told a commercial ambulance service is locating in Elba, approved an ordinance on garbage disposal cost, extended the garbage pick-up contract, approved seeking bids on a street sweeper, approved new fire department officers, paid monthly bills, and received a written report on the status of leases and sales of old school property.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council the department had made 82 arrests during the past month. This included 57 traffic tickets and 25 criminal arrests.

The K-9 dog assisted in making 23 drug arrests around the Wiregrass area in the last two months. He also helped find an escaped county jail inmate and a robbery suspect.

Whitworth explained that Elba's K-9 dog often works with other departments and their dogs in drug searches at schools. This cooperative effort gets a complete search done fast and in a less disruptive manner for the schools.

Jimmy Hartin, of Hartin's Ambulance Service, Georgia, Alabama, told council members his firm would be opening a station in Elba within the next two weeks, pending state permitting. He said they have bid on the contract at the local hospital and were hopeful of receiving this contract.

Hartin commended the local rescue squad and said Elba needed to keep them. His firm sticks with private transfers, etc. on a 24 hour basis, but will be available to assist the rescue squad if needed.

Virginia Long spoke as a member of the rescue squad and said she could find no member who was opposed to this new firm locating here.

Council member John Sharpless noted that at present there is a one or two hour wait for ambulance transfers to out of town hospitals and a local firm would speed this up considerably.

The council officially passed an ordinance on free garbage pick-up for Social Security recipients. State law requires this, Elba has been doing it but Mayor James Grimes said they could find no permanent ordinance making it the official policy.

The garbage pick-up contract with City Services was extended for three years. It was extended for one year at this time last year. There is no increase in fees, nor any other change in the contract. The contract can be canceled by Elba with a 45 day notice to the company. The company can terminate the contract with a 90 day notice to the city.

Grimes presented information on a street sweeper, which he recommended the city purchase. A new fleet will cost about \$82,000 and carry a one year warranty. However, a rebuilt unit is available for \$44,000 with a six month warranty.

Councilman Ben Carpenter was opposed to a proposal that the utility board buy the unit without bids. He said it was just an effort to get around the Alabama bid law.

Sharpless recommended buying the new unit if it was going to be used as much as the mayor said. "A half worn unit will only last half as long," he said.

The council voted to seek bids on a new street sweeper. They want one

which uses a conveyor, rather than a vacuum pick up system. The last sweeper owned by Elba was a vacuum type.

Monthly bills totaling \$21,673.69 were approved for payment.

City Clerk Don Morrow reported the sewer taps (hookups) on the new sewer lines was progressing well. He added that people were slow in giving easements, but he planned to go house-to-house on this.

The new police department SOP has been completed by Chief Whitworth and his staff. It will become official after meetings with police supervisors.

The council officially approved new officers for the fire department. They are William Driggers, chief; Larry Goodson, assistant chief; Tim Bradshaw, captain; Stuart Bane, captain; Mike Tindell and Dennis Manning, Lieutenants; Buddy Manning, secretary and William Lawford, treasurer.

Council members were given a written report on the status of leases and sales of various parts of the old school property.

Grimes told council members that former Elba football standout Ronald McKinnon will be given the "key to the city" at the January 25th Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

County Commission holds first meeting in 1997

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's first meeting of 1997 was a smooth one with the commissioners moving through a relatively small agenda in just over an hour.

One of the first items of business was the matter tabled from the last meeting - the condition of the floor covering on the bottom floor of the courthouse in Elba.

After motion to untangle the matter for discussion passed, commissioners wasted little time in dealing with the issue.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made the motion that the floor tile be replaced with a commercial grade indoor/outdoor carpet at a cost of \$2,403.00. New carpet will also be placed on each of the porches and steps leading into the courthouse.

Turning to new business, the commissioners heard a proposal from the county's computer programmer, John Brim. He told com-

missioners that it is not possible for one man, especially on a part-time basis, to keep up with the programming changes being made in the different computer software being used by the county.

Brim works for both Coffee and Dale counties working in each of the counties 20 hours per week. His primary duties deal with the revenue commissioner's office; however, he works with all the county offices which are on computers.

His proposal was to enter into a maintenance contract with Gemini Consultants to keep the computer software being used by the probate office updated. The software presently being utilized by the office was purchased from Gemini. Cost of the contract would be \$6,500.00 annually.

After several questions concerning the proposal were fielded by Brim, the commissioners voted to table the matter until the next meeting.

Commissioners were given a copy of

the proposed contract for their review.

Another matter concerning the probate office was discussed during Monday's meeting. Probate Judge William Gammon appeared before the commissioners asking them to create one additional slot in the Enterprise office.

The judge apologized to the commissioners for coming before them with such a request out of the budget cycle. The new operating budget for the county was voted on, and approved, in September of 1996.

He told commissioners that the last time a slot had been added to the Enterprise office was in 1983 or 1984. Since that time, the work loads have increased considerably.

Gammon noted that in 1983 there were about 98 or 99 different tags in the probate office. Now, there are more than 200 different type tags handled by his office.

In 1983, approximately 3,500 documents came through the probate

office. Presently, more than 10,000 documents are processed annually by the probate office in Enterprise.

Gammon told commissioners that a letter of resignation by one of his 12-year employees had prompted him to ask the commission for the additional slot. Her reason for resigning was due to being overworked.

According to the judge, the employee had accumulated more than 200 hours in comp time and had lost over 240 hours in annual time.

"We are working very hard in the probate office but we need some help," he said. "I think there is justification for two more people, but I'm only asking for one."

Gammon was asked by Commissioner Bernest Brooks if there were any provisions or other line item

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U. S. Highway 84 changing route west of Elba

The Alabama Department of Transportation would like to inform motorists of a route signing change involving AL 166 and US 84. This change involves signing US 84 over Old Curtis Road from the Elba stockyard to Curtis. The section of highway from the Elba stockyard to Danley's Crossroads will be AL 166.

The department regrets any inconvenience this action may cause. If any additional information is needed, you may contact the Department of Transportation at 334/47-8166.

These changes are scheduled to begin Monday, January 20, 1997.

NOTICE

The offices in Elba's City Hall will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. Emergency crews will be on standby for the water & electric and street departments. They can be reached by calling 897-2555. Garbage pickup schedules will not change.

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HAPPENINGS

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Cafeteria. Tickets for the event are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance (deadline Friday, January 17). Call the Chamber office at 897-3125 or contact any Chamber Board Member (Herby McCall, Doris Matthews, Melba Hollingshead, Betty Brunson, Kenneth Calhoun, Gary Allen, Jerry Kelley, Myrna Cowen, Dale Crowe, Ralph Bradley, or Daniel Stephens) TODAY for reservations. Guest speaker for the event will be Ronald McKinnon, of the Arizona Cardinals.

EHS ON INTERNET. Elba High School is on the World Wide Web. EHS presently has one link to the Internet with the expectation of more being available in the near future. The school's address for the home page is: <http://www.alaweb.com/~dstokes/elhs.htm>

RATTLESNAKE RODEO BEAUTY PAGEANT. The Opp Jayces 32nd Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo Beauty Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Opp High School Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls who are juniors in high school and girls to age 21. Entry fees are competitive - \$50; photogenic - \$10 (additional); and a lot's fee of \$15 for anyone entering after Feb. 17. For more info call the Opp Jayces at (334) 493-9559.

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

A relatively short Elba City School Board meeting on Thursday, January 9th revealed the system is in good shape financially.

The general fund is, as expected, flush with funds this time of the year due to the seasonal influx of property tax revenues. However Superintendent Charles Pearce pointed out to board members that the fund balance is up some from projections and from the same time one year ago. Both property taxes and sales tax revenues continue to increase.

The Child Nutrition funds (lunchrooms) were down, but Pearce said that was due to the late arrival of a federal reimbursement from the USDA. According to the superintendent, the federal funds have arrived, but came after the monthly financial statement had been prepared.

The superintendent gave an update on construction projects, including the bus barn, baseball/softball complex and the connector street from Taylor Mill Road.

According to Pearce, the site work at the bus barn should be done within the next few days, if the weather cooperates. He said the contractor had committed to getting the project ready the moment the weather allowed.

The contractor on building the dugouts and press box will build the

dugouts first, to insure they are ready for baseball season. Pearce said that way, bad weather will not prevent the use of the new ball fields for the 1997 baseball season.

The engineers for the connector road have requested to meet with the school board at their February meeting. This is a City of Elba project, however city officials are coordinating the project with school officials.

The three school superintendents in Coffee County met last week with Representative Garrett Moore to express their concerns on school funding and other related matters, Pearce explained to the board. He said it was a good meeting and the superintendents left the meeting, which was held in Elba, with a positive attitude.

High School Principal David Stokes and librarian Margaret Calhoun gave board members an update on two school projects. The in-house generated daily news program, supervised by Calhoun, is creating interest among students and praise from observers, Calhoun reported.

The status of the high school's website into the Internet also was discussed. Stokes showed board members an example of the responses the "Elba High Home Page" (<http://www.alaweb.com/~dstokes/elhs.htm>) is already creating with interests outside the school. Board

members saw copies of an Internet letter from an English teacher in another school system who had read of Elba's continuing success on standardized tests and wanted information on duplicating it in his school.

Stokes said Elba students are already having computer contacts with schools across the nation as well as foreign countries. They are also using the computer to format papers to do research on school projects.

Stokes said, "Our program is not cutting edge, but ahead of a lot of other schools around the country."

An additional computer with Internet connections is being donated by an Internet access firm in Enterprise, Pearce told board members. This unit will be placed in the Elementary school.

The board adopted an amendment to the official board policy adopting "Site Based Management." This formalizes what both Elba schools were already doing, Pearce explained.

The schools will formally appoint "a committee made up of teachers' support staff, parents and local interested citizens to provide input into the development of local school budgets."

The budgets prepared by the principals, with the input of the committee, will be presented to the superintendent for board approval each year.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

In the far off little country of Sierra Leone the government has hired South African military-type guards (for mercenaries, some say) to help repel rebel forces. Critics say this is really to protect the valuable diamond mines. It is a fact that many of the gun-toting guards are patrolling around the mines, but then that may be where the bad guys go first. The U. S. doesn't need to get into this argument without taking a good long look. After all, we led the way in the Gulf War and many say it wasn't really to protect Kuwait, but to save all that precious oil from all the Persian Gulf countries.

Last week in this corner readers found criticism of the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and his request for a whopping raise. There was a lot of such complaints statewide. So many in fact that Chief Examiner Ronald L. Jones issued a formal apology last Friday. Copies of his statement were mailed to the news media. Now Jones didn't get really shocked because a country writer in Elba, AL didn't like the idea, but apparently the feedback from every direction was negative. In his written statement Jones admitted that he was "wrong" to conclude that \$180,000 to \$181,000 was an appropriate salary. He reviews the work of the department and pointed out that peer reviews are done on the department. He closed by again apologizing for the error and pledging to continue working to the best of his abilities to discharge the duties of the office in a manner worthy of the people's trust. Folks, a person ain't big because he never makes mistakes, he is big because he recognizes and admits mistakes when he does make them.

Ronald McKinnon will be the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 25th. This young man has done his family, his home town and the State of Alabama proud. We urge you to make plans to attend this event and let Ronald know you admire and respect his class act. He said Monday that he is spending the off season back at North Alabama completing his degree. We respectfully note that January 25th is also the first anniversary of the sudden, unexpected death of Ronald's mother, Elba. Football fans, and active PTO parents, all remember her familiar face as a regular at ball games and other school events when her sons were participating.

We talked with a lady this week who was holding an invitation to the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. She is probably not going to get to go, but felt honored at the invite. We didn't get one of those things, which might mean our politics ain't right.

While on people going to the inauguration, we saw a news article about a high school band in some western state which almost didn't get to go to Washington after spending months raising money for the trip. Even the governor had promised them the trip, but someone else got the invitation... because of a request from a political enemy of the persons with the invitations. Give credit to President Clinton. When he heard what had happened, these kids got a special invitation and are going to realize their year-long dream.

South Alabama has had a couple of near misses on getting snow and/or other severe winter weather. Weather stations report a lot of exciting phone calls when there are prospects of snow in this area. They don't get any of them from this corner, as we don't care for the stuff. It looks pretty, looking out the window but the down side is there - always. It is cold, mushy when melting, dangerous when icing over. Also the trees and utilities ain't built to handle the snow and ice. This might bring some feelings but it is true. Southerners don't know how to live and move around in this weather either.



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IT'S NO PARTY...that the beer pictured above is headed to - it's going down the drain. Last Thursday morning, beer that had been confiscated by the Elba Police Department during the past several months was poured down the drain. The beer had to be held for evidence until cases involving the illegal liquor were disposed of.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 6 THRU JANUARY 12, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 6, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one public intoxication, one forgery, four thefts of property, one damage to a vehicle, two thefts of services, three harassments, one criminal mischief, two unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, unauthorized use of a vehicle, one missing person, one disorderly conduct, one reckless driving, one resisting arrest, and one attempted suicide.

Arrests were as follows: one for public intoxication, one for theft of property, one for criminal trespassing, one for negotiation of a negotiable instrument, one for disorderly conduct, one for theft of services, and one for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for speeding and one for reckless driving.
Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, JANUARY 6 - Rescue run to a residence in the Lee Community (4:44 a.m.); Burglary reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (4:44 a.m.); Burglary reported on Oak Ave. (5:38 a.m.); River stage - 4.71 feet (6:47 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (7:52 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Reynolds St. (1:50 p.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (2:08 p.m.); Alarm at the National Guard Armory (3:10 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 - Alarm at Ace Hardware (7:54 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Cash & Carry (4:12 a.m.); River stage - 4.45 feet (6:23 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a mobile home fire on Jones St. (11:07 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Adams St. (11:41 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 - River stage - 6.27 feet (6:34 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Hoho Pantry (6:54 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 - River stage - 7.36 feet (6:16 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King Dr. (3:32 p.m.); Alarm at Carver Dr. (9:19 p.m.).

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Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Myrtle Hudson, Henry Stackhouse, Jessie Clements, Christopher McDonald, Amanda Richardson, Annie Coleman, Stephanie Farmer, Ruby Edwards, Jackie Bundy, Willie Wilson, Betty Wilson, Alonzo Cole, Zola Meeks, Amber Pope, Jonathan Edwards, Mary Bryan, J. Z. Scott, Shawn Smart, Bobby Ware, James Richburg, W. B. Baldwin, Robert Robinson, Crandel Kilcrease, Mary Senn, Marvin Lindsey, Hayward Nelson, James Senn, Madie Kelley, and Jessie Smith.

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FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

105th Congress Resolves Better Life for Americans in '97

The 105th Congress has a historic opportunity in 1997 to work with people in fulfilling their New Year's resolutions of a better, improved life. That is this Congress's goal - our New Year's resolution - for 1997. While the 104th Congress focused on reforming government to make it work better, the goal of the 105th Congress will be to ensure those reforms work to improve American's quality of life.

Congress can help Americans obtain a better quality of life through a balanced budget by 2002, higher take-home pay, safer streets, cleaner and healthier environment, better schools, and affordable health care.

Families cannot enjoy life if they are constantly struggling to make ends meet. And each year the bar is raised as America's debt soars higher. That's why a balanced budget by 2002 is more than just an accounting exercise. It's our opportunity to build a brighter future for American families who are currently spending more of their money on taxes than on food, clothing and shelter combined.

A balanced budget with permanent family tax relief translates into a better quality of life with higher take-home pay and more time for yourself and your family. It also means lower interest rates for mortgages, car loans, or student loans.

Families cannot fully enjoy life if parents are constantly fearing for both their children's and their own lives every time they walk out the door. Fighting a real war on drugs translates into a better quality of life with safer streets. A real war on drugs requires an all-out assault in our schools and neighborhoods to stop the explosion in teenage drug use and

drug-related crime. That effort must be followed with a reform of the juvenile justice system to prosecute violent offenders as adults.

If our children do not receive a good education from good schools, they have no chance for a better quality of life for themselves. Shifting power, money, and control from Washington bureaucrats to parents, teachers, and state and local officials translates into better schools. This effort must include providing opportunity scholarships so parents can choose the best school for their kids.

Families cannot enjoy life if their health is failing or threatened. Cleaning up toxic waste and ensuring affordable and accessible health care translates into a better quality of life.

Our goal is to clean toxic waste by spending less money on lawyers and more on clean-up. We will fight for flexibility for governors and local officials to meet sound environmental standards.

We also will build upon last year's achievements of making health care more affordable and accessible. This can be accomplished by letting consumers have more control over their own health care dollars, as well as working for longer, healthier lives through increased funding for medical research.

New Year's resolutions take work and commitment. The goal of a better quality of life through a balanced budget by 2002, higher take-home pay, safer streets, a cleaner and healthier environment, better schools, and affordable health care are certainly difficult but well worth the effort. Most of all, these goals will insure a future for our children and grandchildren.

President's Scholars maintained a 4.0 perfect grade point average. Sta- cey Goodson Petty of Elba, was among the students named for this honor.

Dean's Scholars maintained a 3.5 or above grade point average. Cary McLaure Clark of Elba, was among the students named for this honor.

Also, Tina Camille Thomas of New Brockton maintained a 3.5 grade point average while taking 6 or more quarter hours.

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Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Myrtle Hudson, Henry Stackhouse, Jessie Clements, Christopher McDonald, Amanda Richardson, Annie Coleman, Stephanie Farmer, Ruby Edwards, Jackie Bundy, Willie Wilson, Betty Wilson, Alonzo Cole, Zola Meeks, Amber Pope, Jonathan Edwards, Mary Bryan, J. Z. Scott, Shawn Smart, Bobby Ware, James Richburg, W. B. Baldwin, Robert Robinson, Crandel Kilcrease, Mary Senn, Marvin Lindsey, Hayward Nelson, James Senn, Madie Kelley, and Jessie Smith.

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AREA DEATHS

ZOLA LEE MEEK

Zola Lee Meek, age 95 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, January 13, 1997 in an Elba, AL nursing home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Johnny Padalino officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Eta Meek of Elba, AL.

BOBBY C. BRYAN

Bobby C. Bryan, age 53 of Brantley, Alabama, died Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at his home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 9, 1997 from the Friendship Baptist Church (Bullock Community) with Rev. Randall Pearson and Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Jean Bryan of Brantley, AL; his mother, Mary Ellen Bryan of Elba, AL; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Bryan and Tracy and Steve Whitehurst, all of Brantley, AL; one granddaughter, Tori Whitehurst of Brantley, AL; two sisters, Mary Sue Marler of Jack, AL and Glinda Parish of Ozark, AL; one brother, Ronald (Rum) H. Bryan of Elba, AL.

LORA D. KING

Lora D. King, age 88 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, January 9, 1997. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 11, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Frank Wells officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include three daughters, Vera Brown of Destin, Florida, Wayne Pace of Auburn, AL, and Mary Moore of Mobile, AL; one sister, Nadine Galloway of Crestview, FL; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

BESSIE PEARL DEVANE

Bessie Pearl DeVane, age 95 of Elba, Alabama, died Sunday, January 12, 1997 in an Elba, AL hospital. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 1997 from the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service. Survivors include three sons, Paul Eugene DeVane of Elba, AL, Alvin E. DeVane of Austin, Texas, and Wendell E. DeVane of Grandy, North Carolina; two sisters, Grace Williams of Bonifay, Florida and Johnnie Mae Evans of Tampa, FL; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren.

HALEY DOYLE BRYAN

Haley Doyle Bryan, age 67 of Elba, Alabama, died January 14, 1997 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday (today), January 16, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Sue Kelley Bryan of Elba, AL; a daughter, Kelley Bryan of Elba, AL; a son, Paul Bryan of Elba, AL; two sisters, Marvin Matthews of Elba, AL and Nadine Ryals of Chickasaw, AL.

TIM D. BRADSHAW

Tim D. Bradshaw, age 61 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, January 14, 1997 in a Dothan, AL hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday (today), January 16, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Frances Morrow Bradshaw of Elba, AL; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Stuart Bane of Elba, AL; a grandson, Bradley Bane of Elba, AL; a granddaughter, Sarah Bane of Elba, AL; three sisters, Joyce Gomes, Patsy Williams, and Joan Stevens, all of Elba, AL; one brother, Jimmy D. Bradshaw of Elberta, AL.

CRANDEL LAFAYETTE KILCREASE

Crandel Lafayette Kilcrease, age 81 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, January 9, 1997 in a Dothan, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11, 1997 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Moss officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include two brothers, Robert Kilcrease and Dasel Kilcrease, both of Elba, AL; three sisters, Maylon Gorman of Opelika, AL, Mary Niles of Elba, AL, and Myrtle Meeks of Opp, AL.

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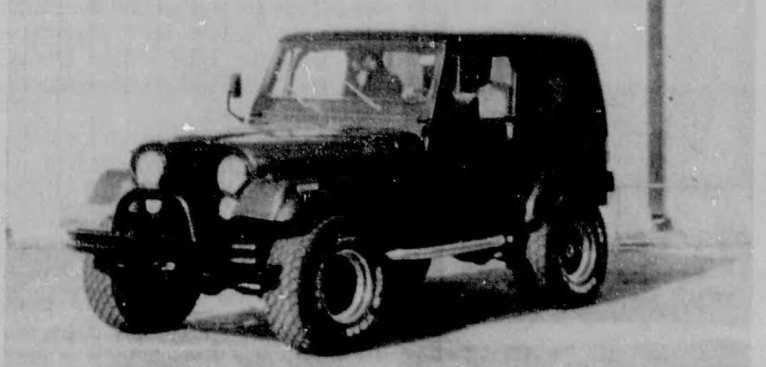
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I would like to say thanks to all the Elba 1996 Salvation Army Bell Ringers.
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Student Spotlight



Pictured above are (l to r) Allen Paul Johnson and Kara Giles.

by Shanta Caldwell
Steven Knight is the son of Mary Knight. His hobby is basketball. Steven attends Harris Temple Church of God in Christ. The thing he like best about EHS is the P.E. program.
Kara Giles is the daughter of Barry and Kathy Giles. Her hobbies are playing the flute and talking on the phone. She attends Elba United Methodist Church. Things Kara likes about EHS are the pep rallies and block schedule.
Allen Paul Johnson is the son of Patricia and Donald Smith. His hobbies are riding bike, swimming, fishing, and hunting. Things he like best about EHS is the teachers.

Youth Leadership Forum

For the week of November 19-24, 1996 Melissa Benbow attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and the Constitution in Washington D.C. The week began at the Omni Shoreham Hotel and was designed to send the participants from 48 different states home with a sense of government and law. The forum consisted of visits to such places as the White House, the Capitol, Lincoln, Washington, and Jefferson. Memorials, the Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Supreme Court were visited. Justice Souter spoke. Each day was filled with IJM (Judicial Activities Meeting) sessions, Career/legal issues seminars and fellowship, the delegates visited George Mason University School of Law and the Law firm of Ginsburg, Feldman, and Bress. After ending the week with a Supreme Court simulation of an actual case Judge Williams presided, former Federal Judge and former director of the FBI closed the Forum with a speech on law and the constitution.
A special thanks to: Gennette and Doug Kendrick, New Season's Study Club, Garth Lindsey, Mary Marler, and Bill Stokes.

MELISSA BENBOW

Elba High School Lunch Menu

January 20 - 24, 1997

Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Beef Lasagna, Green Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert, Milk.
Wednesday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Corn Dog, Lettuce, Potato Salad, French Fries, Broccoli w/cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Cookie, Milk.
Thursday - Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Garden Peas or Green Beans, Yeast Rolls, 1/2 Peach, Milk.
Friday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Toasted Salad, Garlic Toast, Field Peas, Fruit Cup, Milk.

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Tiger Tales



CARLA GRAY
Editor
CHASTITY WILLIAMS
Assistant Editor

Elba Elementary School Menus

January 20 24, 1997

Breakfast
Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Thursday - Pancakes & Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Friday - Cheese Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Baked Beans, Cookie, Milk.
Wednesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Apple, Milk.
Thursday - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, 1/2 Pear, Milk.
Friday - Turkey Wiggle, Peas & Carrots, Whole Kernel Corn, 1/2 Orange, Milk.

Elba High School Basketball Schedule

Fri., Jan. 17, 6:00.....Hillcrest.....Away
Fri., Jan. 24, 6:00.....Rehoboth.....Home
Tues., Jan. 28, 6:00.....E'Town.....Away
Fri., Jan. 31, 6:00.....Opp.....Home
Tues., Feb. 4, 6:00.....Georgiana.....Home
Thurs., Feb. 6, 6:00.....Ashford.....Away
Fri., Feb. 7, 6:00.....Goshen.....Home



The 1996-97 SADD officers are pictured above. They are (l to r) Chastity Williams, president; Shimeka Daniels, vice president; Tawanna Rogers, secretary; and Tawanna Daniels and Emily Bryan, treasurers.

Message to the People

by Mr. Charles Pearce

On December 12 and 13, Elba Elementary School and Elba High School celebrated a significant event. Local government officials and representatives from business and industry visited each school to congratulate students and staff members on the recent State Department of Education report card for local schools.
Elba City Schools received all A's and B's on the recent report card and local school supporters wanted to show their encouragement and support for the efforts of staff members and students. State Representative Garrett Moor, Eddie Kelley with Kelley Foods of Alabama, Myrna Cowen with Kleiner's of Alabama, and Barbara Hudson with the Elba Chamber of Commerce were on hand Thursday, December 12, 1996 at Elba Elementary School to speak to grades K-6. Mayor James Grimes, Paul Morrow with Dorsey Trailers, Myrna Cowen, President of Elba City Board of Education, and Barbara Hudson with the Elba Chamber of Commerce spoke to Elba High School students and staff on December 13. Coca-Cola donated drinks and the Elba Chamber of Commerce donated peanuts as treats for all students and staff members.
Elba City Schools has enjoyed a rich tradition of community pride and support. This occasion is just another testimony of that support. My desire is that all of us, administration, staff and students continue to strive to do our best to improve the quality of education that exists in our schools. Please take the time to thank local leaders and businesses for their support.

Seniors of the Week



by LaNadra Caldwell
Carla Gray is the daughter of Rev. Cobie & Rexella Gray. Her hobbies are writing poetry and reading short stories. She is a member of FBLA, SGA, and Journalism. She attends Voice of the Last Call Deliverance Ministry. Carla's goal for this year to make all A's. After high school she plans to attend Stillman College in Tuscaloosa. Her favorite past time is shopping.

Kelley District FFA Officer

by Kayron Whitworth
Recently we had the chance to ask Leigh Kelley, the 1996-97 Southeast District FFA Secretary, how it felt to be a district officer. She replied, "Back in April, Mr. Davis asked me if I was interested in becoming a FFA District officer. I replied, 'Sure what do I do?' At that moment Leigh started preparing her application. She was called in for an interview at Enterprise High School because she was so very active. After the interview Leigh was then named 1996-97 Southeast District FFA Secretary. Over the spring she attended District Elimination at the Alabama State convention in Montgomery. Made for Excellence Leadership conference in Dothan, Cooperative Youth Conference and District Officer Workshop in Columbus. Leigh learned about many different things, and met many new friends from around the state. Since then, one of her duties has been to travel to certain schools to put on a chapter Office Workshop. So far she has been to Enterprise, Elba, and Kinston. In April, at District Elimination, Leigh's year as district secretary will end. Leigh said, "It has been one of the most exciting things I have ever done!" This year she plans to go through state office interviews and become a 1997-98 state officer. Leigh encourages everyone to become involved with FFA because "it has been one of the most fun organizations" she has ever been involved with!

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MacArthur State News

Special Interest Evening Courses Offered at MacArthur
In addition to 18 full-time programs offered during the day, MacArthur State Technical College offers evening courses this winter ranging from computer fundamentals to basic quilting and curtain making. Applicants who are 60 years of age or older who enroll for credit and meet regular admission requirements are not required to pay tuition. Applications are being accepted until the first class meeting for evening enrollment in auto refinishing, cosmetology, computer fundamentals, microcomputer software applications, and quilting and curtain making.
Each winter quarter, an upholstery class is offered during the evening for individuals interested in making quilts, curtains, and small upholstered items. This popular class will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Cosmetology meets Monday through Thursday with classes meeting from 3:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The instructor for the evening program is Mrs. Vivian Stewart.
Auto Body meets Monday through Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. under the instruction of Mr. Ronnie Hall. Basic and Advanced Refinishing will be offered this quarter.
Beginning in January, Computer Fundamentals will meet on Tuesday from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Microcomputer Software Applications will meet on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
For more information, call the Student Development Office at 493-3573.

ESJC Happenings

Free Adult Education Classes
Enterprise State Junior College in cooperation with the Southeast Alabama Adult Education Network offers FREE adult education instruction in literacy, basic reading, writing, math, and preparation for the GED Test. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 218 for more information. Classes are being taught at the following locations:
Elba High School's Clothing Lab, Mondays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Call 897-6285 for more information.
Kinston Chapel High School, Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Call 735-3280 for more information.
Frisco Voting Building, Coffee County Highway 110, Mondays from noon-5:00 p.m.
New Brockton High School Room 12, Mondays from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Kinston High School, Wednesdays from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

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Team Christmas Party

The Zion Chapel girls basketball team had a Christmas party December 21 at the home of Coach Kaye Donnelly. The girls had a game against Kinston that night and left the game to begin the fun at Mrs. Donnelly's house. Mr. Keith Donnelly, Mrs. Donnelly's husband, left the girls game early to prepare home-made pepperoni and cheese pizza. Chips and dips, a vegetable platter, brownies, cookies, and other snack foods made by Mrs. Donnelly and her family were served. While the girls ate they watched one of their games and listened to Mrs. Donnelly coach from the T.V. After eating and watching the game the girls opened their presents to each other. Everyone seemed pleased with what they got, especially Mrs. Donnelly. The team gave her a basketball in a glass case that was signed by each team member. A game of Twister was played and Mrs. Donnelly put on a fashion show for her guests. The party lasted late into the night, some of the girls fell asleep and other members of the basketball team played pranks on them. Soon they were all asleep. In the morning Mrs. Donnelly made pineapples for the girls who wanted to eat.



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Michelle Sawyer, Bridget Money, Courtney Moran, Wyndi Rugg, and Tina Johnson; middle row - Rena Dismukes, Teresa Hall, Kendra Ward, Tessa Hall and Amy Collins; back row - Jill Jimgirth, Dana Bogges, Jessica Kelley, Rebecca Kidd, Tyler Hankins, and Coach Kaye Donnelly.

SGA Sponsors Food Drive

The Zion Chapel Student Government Association held a very successful food drive in December by raising approximately 1400 cans of food for the Kidney Dialysis patients in Troy, Alabama, and ordered new organization shirts.
The Zion Chapel SGA decided to sponsor the canned food drive after receiving a letter from the drive council asking for sponsorship of the drive by an organization on campus.
The High School division of the SGA raised 577 cans of food in this drive while the Elementary division raised a whopping 900 cans. Cans of food were given to first period teachers and were collected at the end of first period each day and counted before being stored in the High School media center. The High School division of the SGA held the food drive for two weeks while the Elementary division held the drive for only the final week.
The success of the drive was greatly appreciated by the staff of the Kidney dialysis Center in Troy, Alabama and the patients of the center.
The High School SGA pushed the drive by rewarding the first period class with the highest percentage of cans a pizza party. The winner of the pizza party was Mrs. Jimgirth's class.
The Senior SGA ordered new club shirts before the Christmas holidays.

FBLA Meeting

The regular order of business was put aside during the December meeting of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) so that the special December meeting could be discussed and plans could be made.
The members of FBLA Chapter 10391, adopted four children, ages 2 months to 3 years, for the Christmas season. The 92 members of the Chapter were divided into four groups and each of the groups selected one child for whom to buy special Christmas presents. The four children included two boys and two girls. Among the presents were: baby dolls, fire trucks, diapers, shoes, clothes, jewelry of other toys.
Mrs. Rachel Bryan, Chapter sponsor, delivered the Christmas presents to the Army Reserve Center in Elba where they were collected and distributed by the Department of Human Resources.

Clark Player Of The Week



Wesley Clark, a member of the Zion Chapel Varsity Basketball Team, has been named the recipient of the CB&T Bank and Enterprise Ledger Player of the Week Award. Each week, the CB&T Bank and Enterprise Ledger select a female and male from the area schools - Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton, Elba, Enterprise and Daleville - to receive this award. Each week a player is spotlighted for their exceptional performance on the basketball court. Wesley demonstrated this by scoring 18 points in the Christmas Tournament finals. His points came when the Rebels needed them most. The Rebels are coached by Doug Branson. When asked how he felt about receiving the award, Wesley said, "I am honored and very surprised. Pictured above is Wesley (center) accepting his plaque from Lamar Loftin (right), a representative from CB&T Bank. Coach Branson (left) looks on.



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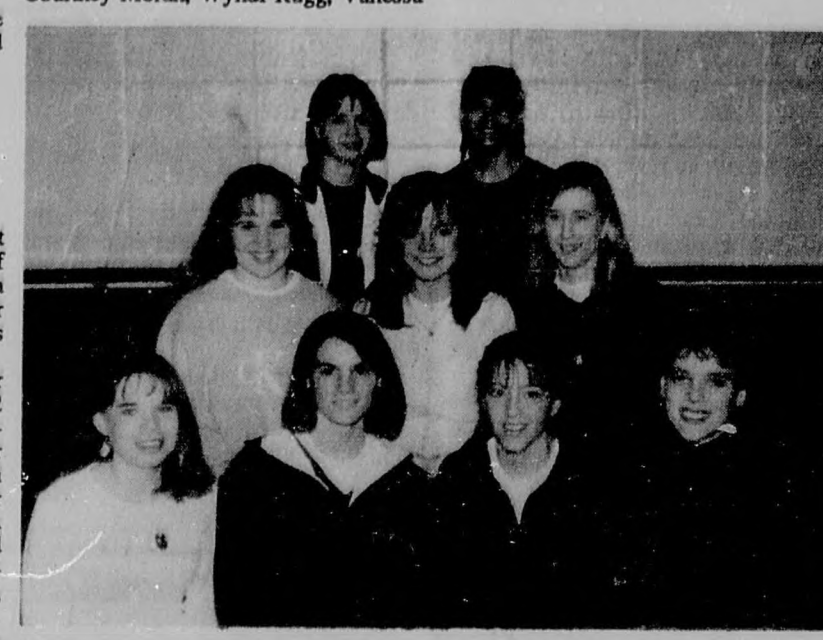
Coffee County Schools Menu

January 20 - 24, 1997

BREAKFAST
Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - French Toast
Wednesday - Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Friday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice or Orange Wedge, Milk.
Saturday - Pop-Tarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
LUNCH
Monday - Holiday.
Tuesday - Pizza or Burrito, Garden Salad, w/Syrup, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday - Cornedog or Meat Loaf, Stewed Squash, Whole White Potatoes, Fruit Cup, Rolls, Milk.
Thursday - Red Beans & Sausage, Sloppy Joe, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Fried Okra, Pineapple Chunks, Milk.
Friday - Taco Salad or Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Corn on Cob, English Peas, Tangerine, Milk.

Cheerleader Christmas Party

The Zion Chapel Cheerleaders held their Christmas Party at Days Inn in Enterprise. The party was hosted by Ms. Kelly Bradley, cheerleader sponsor. The girls ate chicken sandwiches and chinchillas at Elba's Cantina. After returning to the hotel they opened their presents everyone liked the gifts they received. The squad members who attended the party were Bridget Money, Courtney Moran, Wyndi Rugg, Vanessa McCrany, Amanda Ellis, Suzanna Stinson, Tina Johnson, Shannon Simmons, and Kendra Ward. Four of them stayed at the hotel with Ms. Bradley, others went home to get a good night's rest for the Christmas celebration. The remaining four cheerleaders watched videos of their sponsor's cheerleading days. It was a time that all the cheerleaders will remember.



Pictured above (l-r) are: first row - Bridget Money, Courtney Moran, Wyndi Rugg, and Vanessa McCrany; second row - Amanda Ellis, Suzanna Stinson, and Tina Johnson; third row - Shannon Simmons and Kendra Ward.

Beta Club Christmas Party

The Zion Chapel Senior Beta Club Annual Christmas party was held at the home Mrs. Sonya Shaw, Beta Club sponsor, on December 29, 1996 at 6:30 p.m.
After playing a game of Monopoly, members sat down to a meal that included hamburgers, french fries, chips and dip, barbecued wiensas, beaded wings, a variety of cookies, and a variety of soft drinks.
After the meal each member was videotaped while opening their gag gift. After each member opened their gift, Mrs. Shaw was given a journal and an angel to hang on her Christmas tree.
The gag gifts were funny, but not as funny as the computer game "You Don't Know Jack", which all the members had a chance to play before leaving the party.
Some of the members stayed the night, but others went home. All in all the members enjoyed themselves and can't wait for next year's Christmas party.

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ZC Student Visits Texas

Visiting friends, sightseeing, and shopping were some of the activities that Heather Vaughan enjoyed on a two-week trip to Amarillo, Texas during the Christmas holidays.

Heather and a friend, Wesley Phelps, departed from Danley Field in Montgomery. Their flight went through Atlanta and Dallas International Airports before arriving in Amarillo. When Heather was asked about the flight she said, "The flight made me nervous, but the view of the cities below was very pretty, especially Atlanta at night on the flight back to Alabama."

While in Amarillo, Heather had a chance to see two games played by the Amarillo Rattlers, a professional hockey team. The Rattlers defeated the Waco Wizards 3 to 1 and Austin Ice Bats 7 to 6 in overtime. Heather and Wesley caught a hockey puck that was hit into the stands during the game; they kept the puck as a souvenir.

Heather and friends ate at the Big Texan, the home of the famous 72 ounce steak. If a person eats the special 72 ounce steak meal consisting of the steak, a baked potato, a salad, shrimp, and a roll within one hour, the meal is free! The restaurant is decorated with mounted moose, deer, and bears. It also has a large game room and a gift shop for customers. While enjoying their meal at the Big Texan, they had a chance to talk with a professional bull rider who was sitting next to them.

Picnicking and sightseeing at Palo Duro Canyon was a day long activity that Heather enjoyed on her trip. In addition to the picnic areas, the park also has cycling, hiking, and running trails. Heather and friends grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, played board games, and saw tame deer and Texas Longhorns while at the park. The famous play "Texas" is conducted at Palo Duro Canyon and is attended by people from all around the country.

Heather had Christmas dinner at the home of Bill and Dorothy Spencer. John's parents. Bill is a retired NFL referee who can be seen in football follies videos. Heather said, "I was excited about having the chance to go snow skiing for the first time in New Mexico, but unfortunately the weather did not permit us to go. However, the overall trip was very fun and interesting. I enjoyed the hospitality of the Spencers; they treated me like family."

Shopping, eating out, and bowling were some other activities Heather enjoyed in Amarillo. She ate at Mr. Gatties, which is a popular pizza restaurant. It has a large game room with arcade games, bumper cars, and a children's ferris wheel.

Heather stayed with Wesley's parents, Dr. John and Dorene Spencer and their children at their home in Amarillo. Heather had Christmas dinner at the home of Bill and Dorothy Spencer. John's parents. Bill is a retired NFL referee who can be seen in football follies videos. Heather said, "I was excited about having the chance to go snow skiing for the first time in New Mexico, but unfortunately the weather did not permit us to go. However, the overall trip was very fun and interesting. I enjoyed the hospitality of the Spencers; they treated me like family."

Following the concert all middle and high school students went to break and after break, everyone helped with the campus clean-up which was a state-wide event. Clubs and classes had a designated area to clean. All members of the student body were encouraged to help with the clean up.

An education is something that can't be taken away from you!
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GIVE A HOOT! DON'T POLLUTE!!!

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little seven-year-old spent the night at a friend's spend the night birthday party a couple of weeks ago, and now it seems that plans are already underway for Melanie to have a spend the night party when she turns eight in March. She had a spend the night birthday party a couple of years ago that increased the population at the Mularz house by over a dozen, and I'm sure this year's party will try to out-do the first one. At least this time I'll have plenty of time to work on my "mean face" for those late night wanderers!

ELBA TIGERS DROP OPP TO IMPROVE TO 9-4

The Elba Tigers saw their three-game winning streak come to an unexpected end on the road Tuesday night in Florida, but bounced back with a vengeance Friday night and moved their season record to 9-4 with an exciting win over the arch-rival Opp Bobcats. It is never easy to win on the road, as the Tigers discovered Tuesday night, but the win Friday proved once again that this year's team can win anywhere on any given night, and should give the players confidence for the tough road games ahead.

Elba got off to a disastrous start against Florida and trailed 39-24 at the half, then staged a furious second half rally that fell just short in the five-point loss. The Tigers used their inside power of Tim Ware, Derrick Daniels and D'Undray Peterson to get back in the game, but ran out of gas in the closing minutes and took the disappointing loss at the hands of the 2A Wildcats, a team the Tigers easily handled earlier in the season.

The Tigers also got off to a slow start Friday night against Opp and went in at intermission trailing 39-33, but again came out determined in the second half and this time they threw down the stretch to pull out a wild 71-68 win. Derrick Daniels blistered the nets for 24 points to spark the comeback win, while point-guard Courtney Robinson had his second double-digit outing of the week and continued to lead the team on the court.

Despite the 9-4 record, there are no games left on the Tigers' schedule, and it will take maximum effort from the Tigers every night they hit the court to close out the year with a winning record. Elba will have to play four solid quarters, not just two, and will have to play to win, no matter the opponent. This year's team has already accomplished more than many thought possible; however, the players can't listen to their fans, and must work even harder in weeks to come if they are to make it a season to put in the record books. It can be done, but it won't be easy!

KINSTON IN SPOTLIGHT IN AREA CAGE REVIEW

The high school basketball season returned to full speed last week with the Kinston Bulldogs claiming two big wins to even their season record at 8-8. The Bulldogs overcame injuries and inexperience to battle back to the .500 mark, and are definitely in this week's spotlight. Here is a look back at the week that was locally...

***KINSTON (8-8) posted wins over Pleasant Home and Zion Chapel last week to move to 8-8 on the season. The Bulldogs played one of their worst games of the season in a semifinal loss to G.W. Long in the SCAC Tournament, but rebounded and got out of Coach Gary Glass's doghouse with the wins last week. If Kinston will play with consistency each and every time they hit the court, its record will keep on getting better and better.

***NEW BROCKTON (6-8) won one and lost one last week as its record went to 6-8 on the season. The Gamecocks claimed a very impressive 13-point win over a solid Straughn Tiger team early in the week, but found area foe Luverne too much to handle and came out on the short end of a 17-point loss Friday night. The Gamecocks play as hard as any team to be found, and whether they win or lose, always give it their best effort. Don't let the record fool ya, these Gamecocks are still very much alive.

***ZION CHAPEL (0-10) remained winless on the season and had problems scoring points as the Rebels averaged only 45 points a game in losses to Goshen and Kinston. The Rebels have tried just about everything possible, and experimented with various styles of play during their victory drought. However, nothing has worked as the losses have mounted. If the Rebels can keep playing hard and give it all they've got for all thirty-two minutes, one night they will get that elusive first win, and other wins will come as the season progresses. Keep the faith!

***BRANTLEY (6-7) moved back above the .500 mark for the first time in weeks with a win over Highland Home. The youthful Bulldogs were upset by McKenzie early in the week, but made the most out of their trip to Highland Home and for the second time this season went over the century mark. Brantley is a long way from being the team it wants to be, however, the future is bright at the Bulldog campus and before long the Bulldogs and their fans will be smiling again.

NOTES IN CLOSING...

***There are more lopsided scores in girl's basketball than any other sport, with a prime example being the 114-14 win by one Birmingham school early in the season. One team that seems to win by huge margins every night out is the Eufaula Lady Tigers, currently ranked #1 in the state in Class 5A. The Lady Tigers pushed their record to 18-3 last week by claiming wins over Smiths Station 95-11, Russell County 101-21 and Pike County 92-18. I hope the folks up in Eufaula are keeping records, because you can bet the teams they are embarrassing will remember such scores for years to come.

***Alabama's Coach Mike Doherty completed his staff last week with the addition of Bruce Ariens as the Tide's new offensive coordinator. The Tide has gone through four offensive bosses in the past five seasons, and while Ariens is not exactly known as an offensive genius, maybe he will give the program the stability it so badly needs, and open up Alabama's run-oriented offense.

***The Sweet Swingers Softball Classic, a high school girl's softball tournament sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation, is set this year for the weekend of April 11-12, and only one week after sending out invitations already has 12 teams locked in the event. The tournament includes competition in Class 1A-2A, and Class 4A-6A, with a 1-24 team limit in the two divisions combined. If the early interest continues, it may just close out for the first time ever.

***All the area towns are in the midst of their youth basketball seasons, and youth fans here in Elba should mark their calendars for the weekend of February 21-22, which is the weekend the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will host three District Tournaments co-sponsored by the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association. Elba will host tournaments in the girl's 12 and Under, Girl's 10 and Under, and Boy's 10 and Under age divisions. It should be a 24-hour youth teens expected to invade the city over the weekend. It will be a lot of work for those hosting the event, but a lot of fun for everyone else.

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Sports

Improve record to 9-4

Tigers rally to drop Opp 71-68

The Elba Tigers got back on the winning track Friday night with a hard fought 71-68 road win over the Opp Bobcats 71-68.

The win pushed Elba's record to 9-4 on the season. Elba's Michael Reed scored 7 points in a see-saw first quarter that saw Opp ease out to a 16-14 lead, but the Tigers missed 7 of 10 free-throw chances in the second quarter, and the Bobcats took advantage of Elba's foul-line miseries to pull out to a 39-33 halftime bulge.

Derrick Daniels poured in 10 third quarter points to spark a Tiger rally that enabled Elba to sneak on top 52-50, and the Tigers this time hit on 7 of 10 free-throws in the fourth quarter and held on late to defeat the Bobcats 71-68.

Derrick Daniels scored 24 points and Courtney Robinson added 15 to lead Elba, while Smith led Opp with 20.

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Elba upset at Florida 73-68

The Elba Tigers traveled to Florida last Tuesday night and saw their winning streak come to an abrupt end as the Florida Wildcats ambushed the high-flying Tigers 73-68.

The loss left Elba with an 8-4 record, and snapped the Tigers three-game winning streak.

The Tigers couldn't find the basket in the opening stanza as Florida pulled out to an early 15-6 advantage, and it was more of the same for the Tigers in the second stanza as Florida dominated action on both ends of the court and went in at the half with a lopsided 39-24 lead.

Elba began to chip away at the big Florida lead in the third quarter and behind the inside play of Tim Ware, Derrick Daniels and D'Undray Peterson cut the deficit to 51-46 by the end of the stanza. Courtney Robinson had the hot hand for the Tigers in the final stanza as Elba continued its second half rally; however, the Tigers couldn't regain the lead and fell 73-68.

Derrick Daniels and Tim Ware both scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Courtney Robinson and D'Undray Peterson added 10 points apiece. Curtis led Florida with 26.

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Karate classes taught at Elba Recreation Center

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is offering Tae Kwon-Do Karate classes at the Elba Recreation Center, located in the former Army Reserve Center building, on Claxton Avenue.

The classes are for both children and adults, and will include instruction in self-defense, sparring and physical conditioning.

Classes will be held on Tuesday

Red Cross Lifeguarding classes taught at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College will host a Red Cross certified lifeguarding class on March 3-15, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

The cost of the class will be \$61, and those attending the course will also receive training in basic first

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Elba's Michael Reed (44) blocks the path of an opponent during a recent Tiger victory. Reed scored 8 points Friday night as the Tigers claimed an exciting 71-68 win over Opp.

In youth basketball action Lakers post two impressive wins

The 1997 Elba Youth Basketball League opened its season last week-end with the Lakers jumping into the early-season spotlight with two big wins.

The Lakers, which compete in the Girl's 10 and Under League, claimed

and Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m., with the cost of the classes only \$15 per month.

The instructor will be Michael Patrick, an officer in the Elba Police Department, and a 3rd degree black belt.

For more information call Michael Patrick at 897-3942 or the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

HAWKS 29 HORNETS 12

The Hawks led all the way to swat the Hornets 29-12. The Hawks led 6-0 after one quarter and rolled to the impressive win.

Scoring for the Hawks were Lance Cross 9, Reynard Rogers 8, LeRay Williams 6, Quinton Gavin 4 and Heath Parker 2.

Scoring for the Hornets were Aaron Harrison 6, Jessie Thigpen 4 and Scott Henderson 2.

PACERS 32 BULLS 5

The Pacers had little trouble as they whipped the Bulls 32-5.

The Pacers jumped out to an 18-2 halftime lead and cruised to the big win.

Scoring for the Pacers were Matthew Curran 10, Clark Skinner 10, Colby Capps 8, Zane Hall 2 and Luke Taylor 2.

Scoring for the Bulls was Duke Carr 5.

LAKERS 16 BLAZERS 3

The Lakers pulled out to a big halftime lead and rolled to a 16-3 win over the Blazers.

The Lakers owned a big 14-0 halftime lead and coasted in with the win.

Scoring for the Lakers were Ashley Gibson 6, Lacey Carlisle 4, Katie Dyess 2 and Caitlin Washington 2.

Scoring for the Blazers were Rashonda Flowers 2 and Anna Harrison 1.

Scoring for the Heat were Lorenzo Green 9, Jason Curran 5, Colby Skinner 3, Brandon Sims 2, Chris Byfield 2 and Danny Byrd 2.

ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

New Brockton straps Straughn 76-63

The New Brockton Gamecocks moved their record to 6-7 last Tuesday night with an impressive 76-63 win over the Straughn Tigers, in New Brockton. Robert Fleming scored 23 points and Andre Medley added 22 to spark the Gamecocks, while Brett Tillis scored 12 for the Tigers.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a late rally fall short as Straughn held on to defeat New Brockton 58-46. Dawn Owens scored 13 points to lead the (3-7) Lady Gamecocks, while Leticia Smith added 12 and LaSanta Cole scored 11.

Kinston clobbers Pleasant Home 53-44

The Kinston Bulldogs pushed their record to 7-8 last Tuesday night when they were ripped by the Goshen Eagles 53-44, at Goshen. Andre Flowers scored 15 points to lead the Rebels, while Scott Eiland scored 17 points for Goshen.

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Kinston rips Zion Chapel 64-48

The Kinston Bulldogs evened their record at 8-8 Friday night by posting a big 64-48 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Tim Edwards scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Allen Bowdoin added 8. Josh Grant-ham scored 17 points for the (0-10) Rebels.

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs had little trouble with the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels as they rolled to an easy 43-17 win. Camley scored 9 points and Tiffany Rhoades added 7 to lead Kinston, while Courtney Moran led Zion Chapel with 10.

Gamecocks fall hard to Luverne 68-51

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their Area record slip to 1-1 Friday night when they fell to the Luverne Tigers 68-51, in New Brockton. Andre Medley scored 19 points to lead the (6-8) Gamecocks, while Mel Willis scored 26 points for the (12-3) Tigers.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks moved their record to 4-7 Friday night with an exciting 72-64 win over the Luverne Lady Tigers. LaSanta Cole poured in 38 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to spark the Lady Gamecocks, while Dawn Owens and Erin Barr added 15 points, each. McGhee led Luverne with 20 points.

Brantley buries Flying Squadron 103-69

The Brantley Bulldogs nosed their record back over the .500 mark Friday night with a 103-69 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron, in Highland Home. Shapale Austin scored 14 points to lead the (8-7) Bulldogs, while Reginald Pruitt scored 13, and Javaree Cooper, Earl Tillis and Bo Daniels all added 12. Lamar Mobley scored 21 points to lead Highland Home.

ALABAMA SPORTSWRITERS ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL RANKINGS

BOY'S	GIRL'S
CLASS 6A	CLASS 6A
1-West End	1-Decatur
2-LeFlore	2-Daphne
3-Woodlawn	3-Vestavia Hills
4-Minor	4-Carver, Montgomery
5-Benjamin Russell	5-Hoover
6-Central, Tuscaloosa	6-Central, Tuscaloosa
7-Mt. Brook	8-Opekika
8-Butler	9-Shades Valley
9-Baker	10-Wenonah
10-Carver, Montgomery	CLASS 5A
CLASS 5A	1-Eufaula
1-Charles Henderson	2-Fairfield
2-Andalusia	3-Albertville
3-Albertville	4-Walter Wellborn
4-Parker	5-Albertville
5-B.C. Rain	6-Gadsden
6-Ramsay	7-Blount
7-Scottabro	8-Hillcrest, Evergreen
8-Dora	9-Ft. Payne
9-Pinson Valley	10-Pinson Valley
10-Shealy County	CLASS 4A
CLASS 4A	1-Alexandria
1-Alexandria	2-Montealejo
2-Montealejo	3-Cherokee County
3-Cherokee County	4-Lawrence County
4-Lawrence County	5-Beauregard
5-Beauregard	6-Geneva
6-Corner	7-Dadeville
7-Beauregard	8-Hayden Grove
8-Hayden Grove	9-Lanett
9-Boaz	10-St. Paul's
10-Jacksonville	CLASS 3A
CLASS 3A	1-Lauderdale County
1-Lauderdale County	2-DAR
2-DAR	3-Trinity
3-Trinity	4-Locust Fork
4-Locust Fork	5-Susan Moore
5-Susan Moore	6-Briarwood
6-Briarwood	7-Sulligent
7-Sulligent	8-North Sand Mountain
8-North Sand Mountain	9-UMS-Wright
9-UMS-Wright	10-West Limestone
10-West Limestone	CLASS 2A
CLASS 2A	1-Keith
1-Keith	2-Flyle
2-Flyle	3-Mars Hill Bible
3-Mars Hill Bible	4-Goshen
4-Goshen	5-Pleasant Valley
5-Pleasant Valley	6-Ranburne
6-Ranburne	7-Hazelwood
7-Hazelwood	8-Hatton
8-Hatton	9-Montgomery Academy
9-Montgomery Academy	10-J.F. Shields
10-J.F. Shields	CLASS 1A
CLASS 1A	1-Autaugaville
1-Autaugaville	2-Addison
2-Addison	3-Hacklesburg
3-Hacklesburg	4-Autaugaville
4-Autaugaville	5-Alabama School for Deaf
5-Alabama School for Deaf	6-Madison Academy
6-Madison Academy	7-Dorreen
7-Dorreen	8-Loachapoka
8-Loachapoka	9-Alamont
9-Alamont	10-Waterloo

The camp is open for boys and girls ages 5-18, and included on the 19th annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp, at sites across the Southeast.

The fee for attending the seminar is \$5 per person, with children under 12 admitted free. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, extension 234.

Register now for basketball camp

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BOY'S 9TH GRADE	
Dauphin Jan.16 7:00	
Enterprise	Jan.18 2:00
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GIRL'S 9TH GRADE	
Dauphin 25 Jan.13 5:00	
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funds available in his budget to this additional salary. The judge's response was "no."

After it was determined that the budget would have to be amended to meet this need, the commissioners voted to table the matter for further study.

Sherry Trawick, who is with the Coffee County Health Department and oversees the Adult Daycare program, came before the commission "just to say thank you."

She also briefed the members of the commission on the activities of the county's two daycare centers.

At the present time, the Elba facility averages about 25 "clients" per day while the Enterprise center averages about 32.

She assured the commissioners that this has been a real meaningful project that has made a difference in people's lives.

The daycare serves people from all walks of life and with many different problems. There are individuals who are mentally handicapped who have completed the schooling available to them, elderly who have been physically abused, those who have Alzheimer's disease, older adults who are under the care of their children and need a break, and those senior adults who are just lonely or isolated and want the company of other people.

"I want to express to you [commissioners] that this is one of the healthiest, most enjoyable places you'll ever be," said Trawick. "These individuals blend together, work with each other, and love each other...it becomes a very therapeutic, happy, wholesome place for them to spend the day."

Trawick concluded by thanking the commission for its support without which this program would not be possible.

She introduced the directors of the Elba and Enterprise centers to the commission. They are Leigh Edwards and Christine Johnson respectively.

Commission Chairman Tom Grimley brought up the matter of additional security fencing for the county jail.

The matter was brought up several weeks ago by Sheriff Ben Motes. He requested the additional fence in order to provide better security and to stop the flow of contraband into the facility.

After a brief discussion on the matter, commissioners agreed to fence the south side of the jail, but to wait on doing the north side until a later date - possibly next year.

In Commissioner Robert Stephens' motion, it was stipulated that bids be sent out specifying that prisoner labor be used in the installation of the fence. The lowest bid will be accepted.

There was a brief discussion concerning the placing of a caution light, by the county, at the intersection of Co. Rd. 625 and AL Hwy. 134.

Several meetings with state highway department officials have failed at getting a light installed.

The county's attorney, Kenneth Fuller, cautioned the commissioners

on the possible liability factors involved, should they choose to install the caution light.

In the past several months, there have been several wrecks at the intersection with some on them resulting in fatalities.

Should the county install the traffic device, they will accept the responsibility for providing electrical power to the light and regular maintenance.

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HARRIS TEMPLE NEWS

Harris Temple COGIC will have a two-night revival January 16-17. Services will begin at 7:00 each night. The guest evangelist will be Elder Anthony Norwood, pastor of Freedom of Praise COGIC, Hinesville, GA. Everyone is invited to attend.

Note Of Thanks

The family of Cora Nell Dodson would like to thank each person for their phone calls, visits, flowers, food, love, and prayers during the loss of our loved one.

Card Of Thanks

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THE WAYNE DEBOER FAMILY

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Lawrence Bryan & Bryon Mixson

Lawrence Bryan named "Man of the Year" in Graceville

Lawrence Bryan of Graceville, FL, was named Man of the Year for 1996 at the Lions Club 30th Christmas Banquet on December 16, 1996. He was awarded his plaque by Lions Club President Bryon Mixson.

Lawrence was born in the Pine Level Community in Coffee County, AL. He is the seventh child in a family of eight children. His parents are the late Giles D. and Isabel Kilcrease Bryan of Pine Level.

He attended Pine Level Junior High School through 11th grade. In 1949, he graduated from Brantley High School. While in school, he was a member of the Beta Club, played on the basketball team, and was president of the Future Farmers of America and won honors for public speaking.

After graduating from high school, he farmed the family farm until he was drafted on May 18, 1951 into the United States Army. While he was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina as a Military Policeman, he was granted a 30 day leave to go home to gather papers on the family farm. He was stationed in Korea on the 38th Parallel during the Korean War. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Army on May 5, 1953.

Having the desire to be a teacher since he was in the 5th grade, in the fall of 1953 he enrolled in Troy State Teachers College in Troy, Alabama. He was a member of the Beta Club, played on the basketball team, and was president of the Future Farmers of America and won honors for public speaking.

He has been a member of the Graceville American Legion Post 42 for 35 years. He has served on various committees and at the present time is vice-commander and also serves as the chairman of Boys State and 9th grade Boy and Girl Good Citizenship award.

He is a member of the Florida Retired Educators Association and the West Jackson County Educators Association.

He and his wife, Melba, are parents of a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Kenneth, who is married to the former Jamie Faye Sullivan of Graceville. They have one daughter, Savannah Faye Bryan, who is three years old.

When asked what he likes to do since his retirement, Lawrence quickly says that he enjoys playing with his only grandchild, Savannah Faye. He and his wife enjoy camping and have been camping for over 30 years. He also enjoys traveling, gardening, attending Graceville High School activities, getting up early to drink coffee with his friends in a local restaurant, and reading *The Elba Clipper*.

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• The panel must meet at least quarterly

The only restriction placed on the panel is that members and staff shall keep confidential any identifying information about any specific child's case and any other information received by the panel unless provided by state statute.

HRDC now taking applications for LIHEAP

Human Resource Development Corporation will be taking applications for heating assistance through the federal LIHEAP program on January 27, 1997, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Enterprise Recreation Center, East Lee St., Enterprise, AL 36330.

Applicants must provide proof of gross income for each person in the household for the month of December 1996 (ex., if paid weekly, bring four (4) check stubs). The person making the application must bring Social Security number(s) and a heating bill.

If an applicant is unable to apply for himself/herself, he/she may send a representative with a signed permission statement and the above documentation.

EBONY Fashion Fair Show to be held

The Kappa Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will present the 39th annual EBONY Fashion Fair Show at the Dothan Civic Center, Dothan, AL, on January 18, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. The theme is "The Great Fashion Mix". For tickets, please call 347-0193, 393-3547, 347-3294, 894-2325, 347-9723, 347-2834, 347-9426, 347-8231, or 347-5171.

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Elba to honor Ronald McKinnon

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

Elba will honor one of its own Saturday night and at the same time, the honoree will address the members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald McKinnon, a young man who excelled in the sport of football at the local and college levels, is

scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the Elba Chamber of Commerce's annual membership banquet.

The event is set for Saturday night, January 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Elba High School.

After an impressive high school football career, McKinnon attended the University of North Alabama on a football scholarship. While there,

he broke and set all kinds of school records.

In his senior year (1995) at UNA, McKinnon won the coveted Harlon Hill Trophy (NCAA Division II's equal to the Heisman Trophy). He was the first defensive player in UNA's history with four straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances and an 11-1 record in the playoffs.

After graduation, McKinnon signed a contract to play pro-football with the Arizona Cardinals, of the National Football League.

During the banquet Saturday night, McKinnon will be presented with a key to the City of Elba by Mayor James Grimes.

McKinnon, truly an outstanding young man and athlete, is the son of Robin McKinnon and the late Annie Jean McKinnon.



MCKINNON TO BE HONORED...Pictured above are: Coach Mack Wood, McKinnon's football coach while at Elba High School; Ronald McKinnon, the honoree; and Coach Bobby Wallace, McKinnon's football coach while at the University of North Alabama.

Flood Warning System dedication ceremony set for January 29th

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

The ALERT (Automated Evaluation in Real Time) Flood Warning System for the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers basin will be dedicated Wednesday, January 29, 1997.

Ceremonies will begin in Elba, Alabama at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Coffee County Courthouse.

Congressman Terry Everett will be the keynote speaker for the event. The Governor's office will be represented by Mr. James Sasser, Executive Secretary to Gov. Fob James.

Mr. James Grimes, Mayor of Elba, Mr. Tom Grimley, Chairman of the Coffee County Commission, and Mr. Thomas Fuqua, Chairman of the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority will also take part in dedicating the flood warning system.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will officially transfer the flood warning system to the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority for operation and maintenance during this ceremony.

This event will mark the beginning of an era where local officials in Elba will be able to provide its residents and those nearby communities with added advance warning on impending floods.

The ALERT Flood Warning System consists of 13 river stage and rainfall gauges and one rainfall-only gauge located throughout the basin at strategic sites to collect stage and rainfall data.

The collected data is transmitted at frequent intervals by radio from each of the stations to central computer processors located at Elba and Geneva, AL which use it to calculate river stage forecasts and predict flood crests.

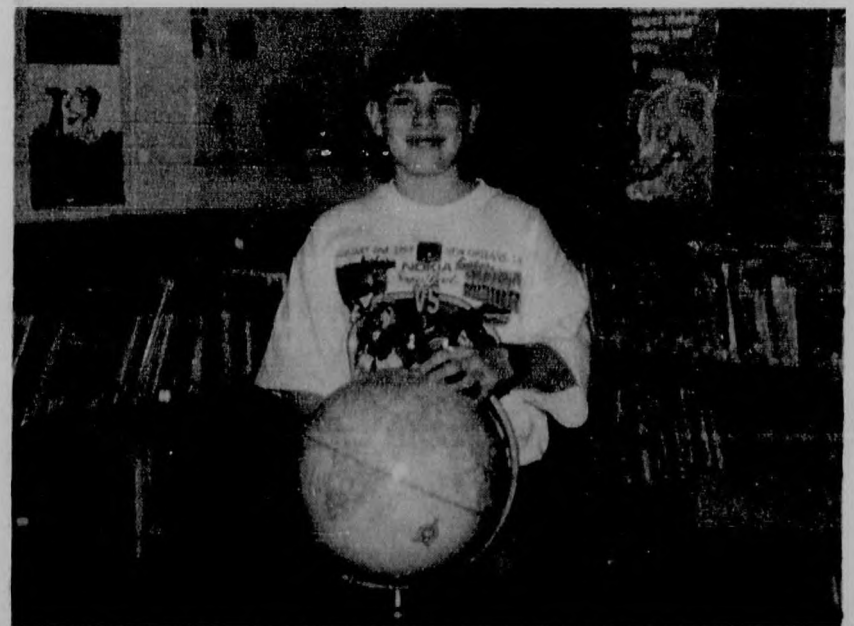
Also, the National Weather Service will access the data through a computer modem for use in their River Forecast Center in Atlanta, GA.

The general public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony.

** CLARIFICATION **

The city council report of January 16th confused some readers. The report that social security recipients are eligible for free garbage pick up was not clear.

It should have explained that residents must live in a household which has ONLY the income from social security and/or SSI to qualify. The utility can, by law, require documented proof of household income from applicants.



GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER...Jody McCormick (pictured above), a 6th grade student at New Brockton Elementary School, moved one step closer to a \$25,000 college scholarship. He won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on Jan. 9, 1997. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the ninth annual National Geography Bee. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers, which provide supplemental education services to students at all skill levels. Andrew Hardman, a 5th grader, was the runner-up at NBES. Other participants in the competition were: Melanie McGlothlen, Marisa Henderson, Katy Gifford, Delora Moore, Dusty Medley, Joseph Sawyer, Matthew Gorum, Jason Flowers, Justin Harbux, Tyler Hyatt, Gary Henderson, Joshua White, Layton Griffin, Garrett Roberts, Josh Strickland, Devin Bell, Tyler Simmons, Bryan Allums, Heather Carroll, Amanda Estrada, Chris McLendon, Jonathan Bryant, Josh Long, and B. J. Perry. State champions, along with their teachers, will compete in the National Geography Bee national championship on May 27 and 28.

NOTICE

The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has imposed a restriction on visitation for the next several weeks effective Jan. 21, 1997.

Administrator Ellen Briley is asking that no routine visits be made to the facility until further notice. No children please! This restriction is due to widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community.

All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instructions.

Levee restoration project underway in Elba

By Marvin McLwain, Editor

The levees in both Elba and Geneva are close to getting a face lift.

Sometime ago, U. S. Senator Howell Heflump announced a successful in getting federal funds allocated through a cost-share grant to do some much needed work on the levees in both Elba and Geneva, Alabama.

According to Elba City Clerk Donnie Morrow, a title search project to determine who owns land adjacent to the levee is nearing completion.

All of the levee work will be inspected and approved by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project had been delayed because of a shortage in grant funds to finance the project. Additional funds were approved and the project is moving forward.

The work is being funded with a grant from the Alabama Highway Department, which maintained veto power over the final plans.

** HAPPENINGS **

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce annual membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Cafeteria. Guest speaker for the event will be Ronald McKinnon, of the Arizona Cardinals.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, January 27, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

PEANUT PRODUCERS MEETING. The Alabama Peanut Producers Association (APPA) will host its 38th Annual Meeting on Friday, February 14, at the Farm Center Coliseum in New Brockton, AL. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the program which starts at 10:00 a.m. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon. Guest speakers will be discussing a variety of issues relating to the peanut industry and its future. Door prizes will be given away. For more information, contact the APPA at (334)792-6482.

RATTLESNAKE RODEO BEAUTY PAGEANT. The Opp Jaycees 32nd Annual Rattlesnake Rodeo Beauty Pageant will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Opp High School Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls who are juniors in high school and girls to age 21. Entry fees are: competition - \$50; photogenic - \$10 (additional); and a late fee of \$15 for anyone entering after Feb. 17. For more info call the Opp Jaycees at (334)959-9559.

EHS ON INTERNET. Elba High School is on the World Wide Web. EHS presently has one link to the Internet with the expectation of more being available in the near future. The school's address for the home page is: <http://www.alaweb.com/~dstokes/elbs.htm>

Elba W & E meeting routine

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On January 14th the Elba Water and Electric Board heard Chairman Tim Johnson report that the delinquent accounts receivable were down considerably from the previous month. He commended the office staff for their efforts in collecting these funds.

Superintendent (and Mayor) James Grimes reported that the pole cut by GTE was completed in December. He also projected that the recommended increase in pole rent

with the telephone company (GTE) and cable company (TCL) would not cost the city \$6,322.50.

The projections of the cost of extending city water to the city limits of about \$184,000 (old highway to past Kleinfert's), will increase, Grimes said.

The Alabama Highway Department will not allow PVC pipe in their recent highway shoulder improvements, therefore iron pipe must be used on 1700 feet of the project. This will increase the cost of materials from \$156 a foot for PVC to \$53.7 a foot for the iron pipe.

Grimes told the board that the utility needed a small pick-up truck for running around and he recommended a vehicle from the State of Alabama surplus yard at a cost of about \$8,000.

Board member Ben Carpenter spoke out in opposition. He said, "It will soon get to where every employee for the City and W & E will be running up and down the road in their own vehicle."

Grimes reported they recently took one truck off the road and an additional vehicle is needed for maintaining the various sites of the flood control project. Reimbursements from this work will be \$5,000.00 bond.

One of the juveniles, Larry Hill, age 16, had been certified as an adult in a previous case; therefore, he was placed under arrest, charged and placed in the Coffee County Jail. He has since been released after posting a \$5,000.00 bond.

The other juvenile was turned over to juvenile authorities and his case has already been heard in juvenile court and disposition made. His file is sealed due to his being a minor.

The third suspect, Kevin Pruitt, AKA Sam Burks, age 25, of Elba, has been arrested in connection with the assault and robbery.

He was charged with robbery in the second degree, and is being held in the Coffee County Jail under a \$7,500.00 bond.

The case remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department and is pending subject to action by the grand jury.



D.A.R.E. CONTRIBUTES...to the physical fitness of Elba Elementary students. Elba's D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair (extreme right) recently presented EES physical education instructors with two D.A.R.E. footballs and two D.A.R.E. soccer balls to be used on the playgrounds during PE classes. Pictured above with Officer Blair are Elba Elementary School's PE instructors (l-r): Bill Rayborn, Sandra Skinner, and Coach Frank Phillips.

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